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Feature Focus - April 2011

Largest UCC History and Polity Class in Southeast Conference History Wraps Up!

On February 26th over twenty-five participants who had registered for the UCC History and Polity class taught by Tim Downs and Kathy Clark gathered in the conference room in the Conference building. On April 30th they gathered again for the last session of the class. Taught in partnership with the Center for Progressive Renewal and offered for credit through Candler School of Theology, this online class is another one of the ways that the Conference and its staff are committed to identifying and cultivating leadership for the future United Church of Christ.

This was the first time Tim has led an online class, and the second time that Kathy had participated in one, and marks a significant shift in the way that we will equip leaders for ministry. Through the TAP program we have brought lay leadership training in to every church in the Conference which has asked for it, and now in partnership with the Center for Progressive Renewal, we will be extending the ways we can teach and learn. This class for example attracted participants from North Carolina, New England and Ohio. One of the Center for Progressive Renewal staff working on technical support for the class remarked; “we are identifying strong leadership in this Conference many of whom will go into other settings of the United Church of Christ.” The class was a mix of seminarians and clergy from other traditions, licensed ministers, and active lay leaders wishing to learn more about the United Church of Christ.

Given the strong response to this class the conference staff will be exploring offering the class in the fall as well as the spring as a part of the new Pathways program which will be launched in the fall. Tim Downs said, “Conducting this class for the first time on line, I have been impressed with the quality of the interaction among the participants, and the quality of the papers which they have produced. It is clear to me that online learning is not as impersonal and sterile as some think, rather it is a dynamic and highly engaging way to learn. I am a convert to online teaching!”

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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

WCM executive calls for 'complete withdrawal' of Ugandan anti-gay legislation

The Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, the UCC's executive minister for Wider Church Ministries, issued a statement today (May 11) calling for the Ugandan government to drop legislation that calls for the imprisonment of homosexuals.



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